U.S. assistance for immunisation programme

1865. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Government has offered assistance worth six million dollars for India's immunisation programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) USAID have indicated their intention to contribute $ 65 million under the Child Survival Health Support Project. Universal Immunisation is one of the components, under the project and, a support to the tune of $ 25 million for the activity has been indicated thereunder. The assistance, when finalised will be channelled through the UNICEF.

Under the Vaccine Action Immunodiagnostic Project, USAID have indicated their willingness to provide assistance to the extent of $ 6 million. This project is intended to develop vaccine for a wider range of diseases that can be prevented by immunisation programme and also to develop accurate, inexpensive diagnostic techniques for use under the Indian Health care system. Activities to be supported will also include a collaborative research awards programme, a center for acidemiologic research and training and field trials of malaria vaccines. The agreement in this regard has not yet been signed.

Filling the post of Secretary General of Indian Olympic Association

1866. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to fill the post of Secretary General of Indian Olympic Association through election; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: (a) The post of Secretary General of Indian Olympic Association is not filled by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Ban on non-iodised salt in Goitre prone areas

1867. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban the sale of non-iodised salt in Goitre prone areas in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Notification banning the sale of non-iodised salt has already been issued in the following goitre prone areas:

(i) Entire State of Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Sikkim and Chandigarh.

(ii) 20 districts of Uttar Pradesh, 2 districts of Haryana, 12 districts of Madhya Pradesh, 19